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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
ATTN Chief, Munich Operational Base (For [] [])
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THRU Chief, SE INFO: Senior Representative, []
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SHAM/Albania/Ops
Coverage of the 4,000th Labor Service Company

1. The following information, developed in a sensitive operation, is for your information only; Date of Information, 21 September, Evaluation C/3:

a. Jozef MESSINI, believed to be the 1st Secretary of the Albanian Legation in Rome stated that some of his trusted friends are active in the Labor Service Company in Munich. He claimed to have received two letters recently from Munich which reported the existence of quarrels, discontent and confusion among Labor Service Company personnel. MESSINI alleged that letters received, presumably from his informants in the Company in Munich, are written in Albanian or more often, in German. He expressed full confidence in the current loyalty of his Munich correspondents.

b. In commenting on how well informed he is on the Labor Service Company, MESSINI stated that personnel of the Company still undergo parachute training in Munich, and that two trainees recently suffered fractured arms during training. (Comment: To the best of our knowledge, personnel of the Company are not now undergoing parachute training. It is possible that MESSINI was attempting to elicit further information on the affairs of the Labor Service Company.)

2. MESSINI may have been bluffing when he stated that he has trusted correspondents in the Labor Service Company. On the other hand, it is possible that he does have informants in the Company, a logical target of continuing interest to Albanian I.S.

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3. In view of the above, we have considered suggesting that you attempt to establish a mail cover so as to photograph mail of personnel of the Agosta Labor Service Company and thereby secure Attachment I, b. Informants operating in the Company and their contacts abroad. We believe that such an operation has merit, and if coverage is established even for a limited period, possibly one week, we may be able to obtain leads to warrant monitoring coverage to a few suspect areas. However, since this operation would appear to require a major effort on your part, we have been reluctant to burden you with this undertaking. However, in view of PERS-4445, we considered bounding involved with the Agosta Labor Service Company inasmuch as it is now operating exclusively as a mailer enterprise.

4. However, in view of the GE implications of paragraph one above, we feel that some action should be undertaken by us to attempt to secure possible Attachment I, b. Informants in the Company. A mail cover undoubtedly would produce helpful leads. We are aware that GE coverage of the Company is a primary responsibility of GERAL. However, because of the possible effect that Attachment I, b. activity in the Company may have on GERAL-Atlantic operations elsewhere, we feel that it is incumbent on us to act in this matter for defensive GE purposes.

5. We, therefore, solicit your views as to the feasibility of establishing mail coverage of personnel of the Company, possibly with GERAL assistance. It is possible that this may be a relatively simple procedure and that we have an unexploited notion of the problem. We suggest that in your review of this question you give consideration to the feasibility of laying on some form of the following coverage: a) comprehensive mail coverage including the photographing of correspondence, b) limited coverage, on a spot check basis, devoted either to obtaining name and address which appear on envelopes or to photographing contents of the correspondence as well, and c) a sample mail cover devoted solely to recording the name and addresses of persons corresponding with Company personnel. Further, we would be interested in your opinion concerning BUREAU or GERAL facilities, should you request their assistance to cover mail of Company personnel.

6. In the event that you can lay on some form of mail coverage, we are interested in your views on how you propose presenting correspondence in the Atlantic language. Do you have knowledge of any local Atlanteans who could possibly be used by you as a translator? If so, we would be interested in recording the name of any prospective candidate. If, on the other hand, it would be desirable for you to procure information locally, we suggest that you consider, as a last resort, sending the information, if/then etc. to headquarters for processing.

7. In view of our continuing interest in the Company, we suggest that you consider lining up an informant who could be used by you primarily for developing GE information on Company personnel. We suggest that you forward to headquarters the name of likely prospects that may come to your attention. Inasmuch, we will search our records for suitable candidates and forward the name of any prospects for your consideration.

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6. For your information, in September 1954, we recommended that the Albanian Annex to the Related Mission Directive being prepared for the German Mission include the following requirement for coverage: the collection of GE information on and the mounting of GE operations against Albanian I. S. or other I. S. personnel operating among personnel of the 4,000th Labor Service Company of WAFSB. This suggestion was made because we believe that the Company will continue to be a target of Albanian I. S. and other I. S. in view of the generally known use of the Company in the past by CBYOM intelligence.

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